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1. DURING QUESTIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
DEFENCE IN COMMONS ON 25 APRIL, SIR IAN GILMOUR
(OPPOSITION SHADOW SECRETARY OF DEFENCE) ASKED MULLEY
WHY THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE LAST FEW MONTHS DID NOT
SEEK "TO HELP PRESIDENT CARTER OVER THE NEUTRON BOMB
WHEN EUROPE NEEDS THIS WEAPON." (CONSERVATIVE CHEERS
AND LABOR PROTESTS). MULLEY REPLIED AS FOLLOWS: .
"WHAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE, AND AS THE PRIME
MINISTER HAS MADE CLEAR ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, THERE
IS A QUESTION OF BALANCE BETWEEN THE MILITARY ADVANTAGE
ON THE ONE HAND AND THE ARMS CONTROL CONSIDERATIONS ON
THE OTHER. AS THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, WE ACCEPT AND
SUPPORT PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION. I THINK THAT IS
RIGHT, IN THE SENSE OF THIS SITUATION AND THE SENSE OF
THE ALLIANCE, AND IT IS FAR BETTER THAN THE IRRESPONSIBLE
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ATTACK ON PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH SIR IAN GILMOUR MADE AT
THE TIME OF THE DECISION." (LABOR CHEERS) (REFTEL).

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